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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. A report was received from the Collector of South Arcot even as early as in February 1952, and on his recommendation the Government have sanctioned full remission for wet lands with an outturn of 4 annas and below for fasli 1361 in 212 villages in Gingee, 264 villages in Tindivanam and 184 villages ni Villupuram taluk. The Government have also ordered that the collection of cesses due in fasli 1361 be postponed to fasli 1362 in areas where remission of land revenue has been sanctioned."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDAR :—" Was any recommendation made by the Collector of the district for sinking wells in the taluks concerned as one of the relief measures? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Though it is not covered by the original question, I may inform the hon. Member that no such report was received."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In addition to the remission of kist in these areas, have the Government taken any practical steps to solve the problem of unemployment in these areas? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Credit facilities to primary weavers' co-operative societies.

* 23 *Q*.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken so far to provide additional credit facilities to primary weavers' co-operative societies during dull seasons? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The weavers' co-operative societies have provision in their by-laws for borrowing from co-operative urban banks and others. According to this provision, they may apply to co-operative central banks for cash, credit, accommodation to meet their needs. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies has also issued a circular to central banks requesting them to finance the weavers' societies on the pledge of their stocks consistent with business prudence."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The question was what steps the Government had taken so far to provide additional credit facilities to primary weavers' co-operative societies. The question does not refer to facilities that already exist under the Act. May I know whether the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer this question straight? "

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Sir, the hon. Gentleman knows that recently a High Power Committee was set up by the Government in which the representatives of the weavers were there, and the Committee recommended a particular scheme to the Government and the Government have approved it. According to the scheme, the weavers are eligible for certain credit facilities."

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SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" The High Power Committee has not considered the question of giving adequate financial resources to the primary weavers' co-operative societies. My question is this. Now the funds of the societies including the borrowings from the financing banks are locked up in stocks. How are the Government going to help the primary societies to continue their production?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The additional facility that has been afforded by the new scheme is that the co-operative societies can borrow money from the central banks on the pledge of their stocks. But some of the central banks may not be willing to give money on account of the fall in prices because they are likely to lose. But according to this scheme, the Government guarantee the loans advanced to the co-operative societies."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is there any limit which the Government have fixed for advancing loans to these co-operative societies under the new scheme?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I want to have notice."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" There is no such procedure of goods being pledged with the co-operative financing banks and loans being obtained from them by the weavers' co-operative societies. Now there is provision in the by-laws under which the co-operative societies can obtain loans to the extent of eight times their paid-up share capital but the central banks are refusing to give loans. Also some weavers' co-operative societies are not getting loans . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a speech. He should straight way put the question."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the co-operative societies in Kakinada area are refused credit by the Kakinada Central Bank, and may I know what the Government propose to do to finance those societies?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" I am getting for the first time now the information with regard to the refusal of loans by a certain bank mentioned by the hon. Gentleman. I shall take adequate steps in the matter."

Recommendations of the Land Revenue Reforms Committee.

* 24 *Q.*—SRI K. T. KOSALRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government have not implemented the recommendations of the Sri Subramaniam Land Revenue Reforms Committee; and

(*b*) when do the Government propose to implement the recommendations?